Nels Bertholf, Referee) Fad for record the 3" day of Mar 1917, at 5.14 o'clock P.M.
to Jeannette E. Beck, Recorder. Fees \$.90
Mary I. Gray.) Ref. Deed. # 999

Know All Men By these Presents, That Whereas, in an action of Partition in the District Court of Madison County, Iowa, wherein Mary I. Gray was plaintiff, and E. E. Gray et. al. were defendants, it was, on the-day of December A.D. 1916, in pursuance of law, ordered and decreed by said Court that the real estate hereinafter described be sold on the following terms, to-wit:

At private sale for cash.

And Whereas, the undersigned, Nels Bertholf was then, by said Court, duly appointed referee to make such sale;

And whereas said real estate has been duly appraised as required by law.

And Whereas, the said referee in pursuance of said order and decree did, offer for sale at private sale the real estate in said decree and hereinafter described, and did in conformity with the requirements of the law and the decree of said Court, sell at private sale, to Mary I Gray said real estate for the sum of Eight Thousand One hundred Ninety (8190) Dollars, she being the highest and best bidder therefor;

And Whereas, the said Mary I Gray has complied with the terms of said sale and of her bid, and has paid the sum of money so bid as aforesaid;

And Whereas, the said Court has approved and confirmed said sale, and by proper order directed said referee to execute to the purchaser aforesaid a conveyance in due form of law for said real estate.

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the premises, and the said sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety (8190) Dollars, paid as aforesaid, and in accordance with law, and obedience to the order of said Court, I, Nels Bertholf, sole referee aforesaid, do hereby sell and convey to the said Mary I. Gray the following described real estate, to-wit:

The East 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of the South Half $(\frac{1}{2})$ of the North East Quarter $(\frac{1}{4})$ of Section Seven (7) in Township Seventy-fi ve (75) North, or Range Twenty-six (26) West of the 5th P.M. Iowa.

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To have and to hold the same as fully and absolutely as I might and could, by virtue of the premises, sell and convey the same.

Witness my hand this 28th day of December, A.D. 1916.
Nels Bertholf, Referee.

State of Iowa, Madison County, ss. I, Sam C. Smith, a Notary Public within and for said County, do hereby certify that on this day before me personally came Nels Bertholf who is not me personally known to be the identical persons whose names is signed to the foregoing instrument as grantor, and acknowledged the execution of the same to be his voluntary act, as referee, as therein set forth.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of December 1916.

Sam C. Smith.

SEAL

Notary Public.

State of Iowa, Madison County, ss. In District Court. The foregoing deed of conveyance being by said referees this day returned into Court for approval, and it appearing that they have complied with the requirements of law and the orders and decrees of this Court in making the sale and conveyance, it was ordered that said sale and conveyance be, and they are hereby, approved and confirmed, and by direction of said Court the same is hereon endorsed.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 28th day of December 1916.

D. M. Griswold Clerk.

District court seal

By W. H. Vance, Deputy.